# THE WORLD OF FINANCE AND TRADE WASHINGTON NEW YORK LONDON

## **VERY LIGHT TRADING** IN LOCAL SECURITIES

Holders Are Firm and the Undertone of the Market Is Very Satisfactory.

Week's Record About Best of 1915. Home Savings Election—Surplus Increased-Dividends.

### BY L A. FLEMING.

The usual Saturday duliness prevailon the Washington Stock Exchange at today's session. Trading was limited shares of stock and two one-d-dollar bonds.

At that there was a good undertone to the list, and it would have been imssible to have acquired much stock the public utilities list without bidding up prices. Brokers appeared to have a number of buying orders, but the asking prices were apparently above their limits.

one sale at 166.

of the most active of the year in the local market; indeed, it is within the probabilities that its record in stocks, at least, was the heaviest of any previ-

The record was 1,368 shares of stocks and \$73,500 face value of bonds. Washington Gas led the list, with the Washington Railway shares a good second. In the bonds Washington Railway and Electric is were leaders.

The closing prices were generally near the best of the week.

## Second National Dividend.

Directors of the Second National Bank have declared the usual seminnual dividend of 3 per cent, payable to shareholders of record December 24

Home Savings Election. The annual meeting of the shareolders in the Home Savings Bank

was held recently and resulted in the election of the following board of di-William H. Burch, Alex S. Clarke Anthony Gaegler, John B. Geier, J.

Philip Herrmann, R. Harrison Johnson, William Milier, Howard Moran, Join H. Ruppert, B. F. Saul, James F. Shea, William E. Shannon, John Shughrue and M. G. Gibbs.

The board organized as follows: B. F. Saul, president; James F. Shea, vice president; Alex S. Clarke, secrety:

president; Alex S. Charke, secretly; Howard Moran, treasurer, and Edward B. Swan and Francis G. Addison, jr., assistant treasurers.

It was then voted to increase the annual dividend to a 12 per cent basis, matched to a 12 per cent basis, in the semi-annually. It was ordered that \$100,000 be diverted from undivided profits to surplus account, which increased the surplus to \$200,000, and still left \$72,000 to the stedit of undivided profits.

of 2 per cent payable to shareholders of record December 27, January 3. It was ordered by the board that \$1,500 be carried to surplus account, which increases that account to \$5,000. The dividend is the first paid since the organization of the bank.

Net balance in general fund, \$107,242,-

Total receipts, \$3,496,453 Total payments, \$2,489,281. year, e ciusive of Panama canal and

## Washington Stock Exchange.

SALES.

Mergenthaler, 10 at 186.
After call—Potogae Electric Coms. 5s, \$1,000 at \$4,51,000 at 195%.
Vashington Raliway pfd., 1 at 83%. Bid and Asked Prices. GOVERNMENT BONDS.

RAILROAD BONDS. Norfalk and Wash. Steamboat 56. 100
Higgs Bealty 5s (dong). 100%
Higgs Bealty 5s (short). 100
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.
Capital Traction "85
Washington Bwy. and Elec. com. 834
Washington Rwy. and Elec. pfd. 83
Norfalk and Wash. Steamboat. 150
Washington Rws. and Elec. 128
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NEW YORK COTTON.

Capin-Sacks
D. E. Paper Mig. Co.
Graphophone com.
Graphophone pfd.
Marchanty Transfer and Storage.
Security Storage
Washington Market
- Ex dividend.

## WALL STREET MARKET LACKS DEFINITE TREND

Trading Is Greatly Restricted and Price Changes Are Not Important Either Way.

Speculators Holding Aloof for More Positive Action-Austrian Diplomatic Stress a Factor.

NEW YORK, December 18. - The stock market continues to move with Am. Smelt & Ref. pfd. 1111/2 1111/2 1111/2 unsteady and uncertain trend. One amer. Stee Foundry. 611/2 611/2 minute it looks weak, and the next strong; and just when it begins to look strong it turns weak, and at its weakest it assumes a stronger tone. It is a hard market to judge, a creeping mar-ket, apparently undecided which way to go, and influenced by the action of Steel common perhaps as much as by anything else

The Austrian diplomatic situation bove their limits.

Was perhaps a more dominant factor than any one other influence during the two hours' session. The dissolution ptomac Consolidated 5s steady at of the Anglo-French bond syndicate California Cil..... 30 4 311/4 301/4 was another, although fully expected California Oil pid.... 60 and discounted very largely.

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Initial trading generally showed small advances, but these were no sooner registered than the list turned the other way, finally showing few important net changes either way for the day, some small gains here and there, and a few losses, also inconsequential.

### Near Neutral Session.

It was as near a neutral session as the stock market has seen for many

Baldwin Locomotive and Studebaker were the early strong spots, the former advancing from 117% to 118% and Cuban-Amer. jugar. 154% 154% 154 going back to 116%, a net loss of % without recovery. Studebaker rose to 169% from a closing last evening of 168%, dropped back to 168% and re-168%, dropped back to 168½ and recovered to 168%.
Crucible Steel did not move much either way, holding around 73. Maxwell Motors barely held their own. Wiltysoveriand rose 2½ points, while General Motors lost 10 points.
At ore time Steel common was % high at 85%, dropped back to 85% and recovered a small fraction.
Oil shares were firm, Texas Oil gaining 1½, Mexican Petroleum %, California Oil a fraction. The coppers were also strong.

In the rails early gains were generally lost Scuthern Pacific holding %, St. Paul %. Reading %, and Northern acific % net gains.

The market closed very dult.

Foreign Situation Week's Feature.

Expiration of the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French war loan syndicate, creating a free market for that security, the plan of the British chancellor to centralize American securities, the strain in relations between this country and Austria,

it was ordered that \$100,000 be inverted from undivided profits to surplus account, which increased the surplus to \$200,000, and still left \$72,000 to the field of undivided profits.

Dividend Declared.

The directors of the Seventh Street Saring Sank have declared a dividend of 7 per cent payable to shareholders of record December 27, January 3.

It was ordered by the board that \$1,000 to carried to surplus account, which increases that account to \$9,000. The dividend is the first paid since the prganization of the bank.

Condition of the Treasury.

The condition of the United States freasury resterday was:

American securities, the strain freat to surplus except this country and Austria, and a decline in exchange on Germany to lowest rates ever recorded, indicate to what the first payable to what extent the foreign situation figured in this week's market.

There were numerous domestic developments of a favorable character, including the statement that steel mills diready have orders running into the third quarter of the coming year, but these were more than neutralized by the steady liquidation of stocks and bonds, a considerable part of which londs, a considera

More Even Balance Reflected. The deficit this fiscal year is \$51,178,- and sellers. That is to say, the market 208, against a deficit of \$55,199,009 last was less susceptible to mere rumors or

Strength.

Oil shares were a feature, reflecting the increasing demand for the raw and refined product at steadily advancing prices. November railroad earnings will be forthcoming next week. Statements of gross receipts already at hand point to gains over the phenominal returns of October.

Bankers report a steady absorption of high-grade issues by conservative investors.

## CURB STOCKS.

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| members were     |                   | Bid.    |
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| Braden Copper    |                   | . 15%   |
| Braden Copper    | an Tobacco        |         |
| British-America  | nd Zinc           | . 6     |
| Butte Copper a   | and Foundry com.  | . 91    |
| Canadian Car     | and Foundry pfd   | 105     |
| Can Light and    | Power             | . 614   |
| Cordon Co        |                   | . 12%   |
| Concrete Co      |                   | . 82    |
| Vanis Vetteral   | Copper            | . 6     |
| Caldfold Cans    |                   | . 1     |
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| Tim Burler       |                   | . 1     |
| Jumbo Extensi    | on no             | . 11/4  |
| Konnecott Con    | per               |         |
| Kerr Lake        |                   | . 414   |
| Lake Tornedo     |                   | . 121/2 |
| Magma Conner     |                   | . 1414  |
| Marine com       |                   | . 16%   |
| Marine ofd       |                   | . 72    |
| Midvale Steel    |                   | . 72%   |
| Nipissing Mine   | 8 CO              | . 174   |
| Ray Hercules     |                   | 4 374   |
| Riker-Hegeman    |                   | . 5%    |
| Standard . Motor | rs                | . 9%    |
| Sterling Gum     |                   | . 2%    |
| Submarine Corp   | poration          | 451/4   |
| Tobacco Produ    | cts               | . 33    |
| United Profit 8  | haring            | . 1%    |
| U. S. Light an   | d Heat            | 31/4    |
| U. S. Light and  | Heat pfd          | . 4%    |
|                  |                   |         |
| World Film       |                   | . 3%    |

## Berlin Bank Statement.

BERLIN, December 17, via London, December 18, 4:22 a.m.—A statement of the Reichsbank, issued December 15; gives the following figures: Increases: Gold, 1,571,000 marks; discounts 283,511,000 marks; loans, 1,62,600 marks; hote circulation, 58,391,000 marks; deposits, 98,457,900 marks.

Decreases: Metal stocks, treasury certificates and notes of other banks, 134,-876,000 marks; treasury bills, 2,360,000 marks; treasury bills,

## BETTER TONE AT LONDON.

marks.

Recovery in Gilt-Edged Securities on

Repurchases-Americans Dull: LONDON, December 18.—Money was in good supply today. The exchequer in good supply today. The exchequer bond issue continued to exercise a firm influence on discount rates. Scandinavian exchange remained firm, under liberal selling orders, while American cable transfers, after a weak opening, closed steady at 4.72%a4.72%.

The stock market, although quiet, developed a better tone, with a recovery in glit-edged securities on repurchases. The French loan was strong at 81%. Alaska mining shares were in good demand, and it was believed the buying was for American account. Cuban ports and rubber stocks were firm, but otherwise the trading was of the usual week-end character.

American securities finished dull and a shade above yesterday's clesing.

There are about 250,000 Jews in the United Kingdom.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Received by private wire direct Adams Express..... 132 132 132 132 271/8 251/8 Alaska God Mining. 26 Alaska Juneau Min... 10% 11% 315/8 Allis-Chalmers pfd... 83 Am. Agricul. Chem. 6914 6914 American Beet Sugar. 7014 7014 70 593/8 American Can..... 59% 59% 79 79 Amer. Car & Foundry. 79 79 Am. Coal Products... 1533/4 1533/4 1533/4 upturn. 27 American Ica..... 27 27

Erie Railroad...... 41% 13% 13% Erie 1st pfd...... 561/8 61/8 501/8 Federal Mines pfd... 52 52 52 500

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NEW YORK BONDS.

Atchison gen. 48...... 931/2 931/2 Atchison conv. 58...... 1011/2 1011/2 Baltimore & Ohio gen. 4s ..... 911/2 911/2 Interbor. Rap. Tr. trust 4s.... 763/8 763/6 Norfolk & Western 4s ...... 93 Pennsylvania 4 1/4 s ter. rcts... 931/4 995/4 Southern Pacific col. 4s..... 87 87 uthern Ry. gen. mortg. 4s. . 701/2 701/4 Southern Railway 50...... 102% 102% Union Pacific 4s...... 97½ 97½ United States Steel 24 5s..... 103½ 103½

## POWDER STOCKS.

LIGHT WORLD SHIPMENTS

Bullish Sentiment Is Also Increased by Reports of Argentine Harvest Rains.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 18 .- Lightness of world shipments other than from America tended to harden rices today in the wheat market here Bullish sentiment was increased als by reports of rain interfering with the Argentine harvest. There was talk too, that recent orders from British naval authorities would result in proroom for grain. Opening prices, which ranged from %24% off to % advance, with December at 1.16% and May at 1.17% to 1.18, were followed by a moderate general

### Corn Prices Ease.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Flour—Firmly held; spring patents, 5.60a6.00; winter straights, 5.35a5.60; Kansas straights, 5.50a5.65.
Pork—Steady; mess, 18.75a19.00.
Beef—Steady.
Lard—Easy; middle west, 9.70a9.80.
Molasses—Steady.
Hav—Oujet Molasses—Stea Hay—Quiet. Hides—Steady. Leather-Firm

## BALTIMORE

ecial Dispatch to The Star. BALTIMORE, Md., December 18.— Wheat—Steady; spot No. 2 red, 1.20%; spot No. 2 red western, 1.25%; December No. 2 red, 1.20%; January No. 2 red, 1.20%; steamer No. 2 red, 1.13%; Fecelpts, 180,659 bushels; exports, 282,929 Corn-Easier; spot contract, old, 75%;

Corn—Easier; spot contract, old, 7514; new, 7514; year, 7514; January, 7514; steamer. mixed, 7214; receipts, 50,859 bushels.
Oats—Quiet. Standard white, 461/2447; No. 3 white, 441/245; No. 4 white, 41a 411/2. Receipts, 10,700 bushels.
Rye—Quiet. No. 2 western export, 1.00a1.001/2. Receipts, 26,141 bushels.
Exports, 54,284 bushels.
Hay—Quiet. No. 1 timothy, unchanged; No. 1 clover, mixed, unchanged. Grain freights—Firm; steam to Liver-pool, per bushel, unchanged; picked ports, per quarter, unchanged.

## COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 18 .- The coton market was steadler early today. w York Central... 105% 105% 1 5 105% The technical position seemed to have

## NEW ORLEANS.

## LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL. December 18.—Cotton—Spot easier; good middling, 7.76; middling, 7.39; low middling, 6.95. Sales, 6,000 bales; speculation and export, 500 bales. Receipts, 18,000 bales. Futures quiet. December, 7.20%; December and January, 7.20%; February and March, 7.20%; March and April, 7.20; April and May, 7.17; May and June, 7.14; June and July, 7.10%; July and August, 7.07%; August and September, 6.93%; September and October, 6.79%; October and November, 6.44%.

Zeppelin Crew Frozen to Death. LONDON, December 18.- Eight members of the crew of a Zeppelin airship which raided London October 13 were found frozen to death on their return to Germany, according to the Daily Express, which, although it is unable Express, which, although it is unable to vouch for the truth of the story, says it has been openly discussed in Germany, where it caused a profound impression, and possibly acted as a deterrent to further raids.

Greece Raises Embargo. CARDIFF, Walss, December 18.—The Greek government has raised the emberge on several Greek steamers which it had commandeered, and the vessels have resumed the loading of coal.

# HARDEN WHEAT PRICES U. S. COAST DEFENSE SHORT 11,358 MEN

Although Most Formidable in World in Point of Materiel.

While the coast defense system of the Inited States is the most formidable in the world in materiel in personnel i short 10,802 men and 530 officers of the number required to permit the regular establishment to man all the lefenses of the insular possessions and mortars in continental United States he remaining guns to be manned by

6034 more.

Gen. Weaver says the proposed mobile batteries for seacoast use should be 4142 probably even larger than seventeeninch howitzers, and recommends that a fifty-caliber sixteen-inch rifle be made the standard for major forts.

## OIL STOCKS.

Atlantic Refining Co.
Anglo-American Oil
Buckeye Pipe Line
Continental Oil Co.
Gaiena-Signal Oil Co. com.
Galema-Signal Oil Co. pfd.
Illinois Pipe
Indians Pipe
Houston Oil
National Transit Co.
Ohio Oil Co. Standard Oil New Jersey Standard Oil New York Standard Oil Ohio Swann & Finch Co. Union Tank Line Co. Vacuum Oil Co. Washington Oil Co.

## LONDON MONEY.

LONDON, December 18 .- Bar silver, 26d per oftnce.
Money, 4a4% per cent.
Discount rates—Short bills, 5% per cent; three-month, 5% per cent.

## DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, December 18. -Inchanged.

Eggs—Receipts, 1,950 cases; unchanged.

Potatoes—Receipts, 26 cars; unhanged, Poultry—Alive, unchanged.

## NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 18 .- Butter Steady; receipts, 5,353 tubs; creamery,

Steady; receipts, 5,353 tubs; creamery, extras (92 score), 36½; creamery (higher scoring), 37a27½; firsts, 29a35; seconds, 25½a28.

Eggs—Weak: receipts, 9,283 cases; fresh gatherei, extra fine, 39a40; extra firsts, 36a38; firsts, 34a35; seconds, 31 a;3; nearby hennery whites, fine to fancy, 50a54; nearby hennery browns, 40a43.

Cheese—Steady; receipts, 1,212 boxes; state, whole milk, flats, held, specials, 17¼; do, average fancy, 16¼a16¾.

Live poultry—irregular; western chickens, 14; fowls, 13a14½; turkeys, 23a25.

ATTACKS ON THE U.S.

CENCODED IN VIEN

## NEW YORK METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Copper-Firm; electrolytic, 20.00; iron un changed.

## NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Raw sugar—Firm; sales, 8,000 bags; molasses, 4.12; centrifugal, 4.89; refined quiet.

The market for sugar futures was firmer, in sympathy with raws, closing 4 to 7 points higher. Sales, 4.700 tons. January, 3.76; March, 3.43; May, 3.50; July, 3.58.

## CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, December 18.—Hogs—Re-ceipts, 21,000 head; strong; 10c above yesterday's average; bulk, 6.25a6.60; light, 6.00a6.65; mixed, 6.10a6.75; heavy, 6.25a6.75; rough, 6.25a6.40; pigs, 4.75a 4.90 6.90.

Cattle—Receipts, 300 head; steady; native beef steers, 6.00a11.00; western steers, 6.25a8.25; cows and heifers, 2.80a 8.35; calves, 6.75a10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; steady; wethers, 6.10a6.90; lambs, 6.90a9.60.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The cottonseed oil market closed firm; spot, 8.35 bid; January, 8.34a8.36; February, 8.33a8.36; March, 8.33a8.39; April, 8.40a, 8.48; May, 8.48a8.49; June, 8.51a8.58; July, 8.58a8.59; December, 8.35a8.45. Total sales, 3,000 barrels.

## TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE

OFFICERS: B. F. SAUL.....President JAMES F. SHEA......Vice President ALEX. S. CLARKE.....Secretary HOWARD MORAN.....Treasurer EDWARD E. SWAN... Asst. Treasurer FRANCIS G. ADDISON, JR. Asst. Treas

### DIRECTORS:

William H. Burch, Wm. Miller, Alex. S. Clarke, Howard Moran, Anthony Gaegler, " John H. Ruppert, John B. Geier, B. F. Saul, Wm. E. Shannon, M. G. Gibbs, J. P. Herrmann, James F. Shea, John Shughrue. R. H. Johnson,

The Officers and Directors of this bank are all level-headed business men, who co-operate in conducting the bank to the best interests of its depositors.

Their advice on business matters is worth having, and it is freely offered to arv of our depositors who desire it.

Though this is a big bank, it is not too big to take an individual interest in every depositor, whether his account is large or small.

We pay 3% Compound Interest on Savings Accounts.

## HOME SAVINGS BANK.

7th St. and Mass Ave. N.W. 8th and H Sts. N.E. BRANCHES 436 7th St. S.W.

## POWER PLANT PROJECT NOT TO BE ABANDONED

Every Intention to Proceed With Erection of Central Building, Says Treasury Official.

"There is no thought on the part o the Treasury Department to abandon the project of building the central heating and power plant," said Assist-ant Secretary Byron R. Newton of the Treasury Department, today. "There is every intention to proceed with construction as authorized by Congress.' the government had decided to abandon the project, and would accept a proposition of the Potomac Electric ower Company.

Power Company.

There is reason to believe that the bids on the power plant as recently made in the offer to do separate parts of the work involved are within the appropriation. The several bids on the entire contract were considerably above the amount voted by Congress.

Treasury Department officials, it is known, have held several conferences with officials of the Potomac Electric Power Company to discuss the proposition of that corporation to supply the power and heat provided for in the authorization of Congress for the central heating and power plant. This is an old proposition, made more than a year ago, lapsing when Congress legislated for the projected plant.

Revival of Proposal.

and given consideration.

and given consideration.

William F. Ham, vice president of the corporation. has made public that negotiations have been opened between the corporation and the government reviving the former proposals.

When bids were opened last month for the construction work on the plant it was found that the lowest comprehensive bid made by the W. G. Corneil Company of Washingtor was \$1,698, 500, or well over the appropriation of \$1,494,104. The bids on separate sections of the work have since been analyzed. It is believed that the contract can be let in parcels so that the gross cost will be within the appropriation. It is possible that, to effect this, some units of the specifications may have to be omitted.

# CENSORED IN VIENNA

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marine warfare would have ceased im-

## War Accidents Magnified.

"In the almost expiring neutrality in America," says the Neue Frele Presse, "accidents of war are magnified into onflicts, leaving behind ill will and estrangement. One suspects that America now desired to become the protectress of the Italian merchant navy, just as she undertook the same task for England. Humanity seems to be only esteemed in the export of grain to Italy and England, but it is silent before the prohibition of imports to Germany and the starvation of women and children."

The newspaper concludes as follows:
"It is easy to understand America's policy against Austria as being due to the excitement of the presidential campaign. Some paper cartridges must be

paign. Some paper cartridges must be fired off and some of them have flown

### Moderation in Comment. VIENNA, December 16, via London

Sister Receipts 3,000 head; steady; wethers, 6.10a6.90; lambs, 6.90a9.60.

New York Bank Statement.

New York December 18.—The comment on the Austro-Hungarian government's reply to the American accurities. The regulations dealing of the Italian liner Ancona is government's note concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona is government's note concerning the sinking of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$153,858,300 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$20,257,810 from last week.

Gasoline for Export Advances.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The Standard Oil Company of New York to-day announced an advance of 1 cent a gallon in all grades and packages of gasoline for export.

Cottonseed Oil Market Firm.

NEW TORK, December 18.—The cottonseed oil market closed firm; spot, \$358,856; March, 8,388,432; February, \$358,856; March, 8,388,432; June, \$558,858; June, \$5

German Patrol Boat Wrecked. LONDON, December 18 .- The German patrol boat Buns has been wrecked on the Island of Langeland in the Baltic

LAWRENCE J. DIETZ & CO. Stock Brokers, Room 3. Woodward Building.

## WEATHER. Partly Cloudy and Much Colder To-

night-Tomorrow Fair. For the District of Columbia, partly oudy and much colder tonight. Tomor row fair, lowest temperature tonight about 28 degrees; strong west and northwest

winds. For Maryland, partly cloudy and much colder tonight. Tomorrow fair; strong westerly winds. For Yirginia, partly cloudy and much

colder tonight. Tomorrow fair, colder east portion; westerly gales.

For West Virginia, cloudy and colder onight, probably snow in the mountains Tomorrow fair.

## Tide Tables. Today—Low tide, 12:01 a.m. and 12:03 m.; high tide, 5:53 a.m. and 6:07 p.m. Tomorrow—Low tide, 12:47 a.m. and 2:49 p.m.; high tide, 6:38 a.m. and 6:50

The Sun and Moon. Today-Sun rose, 7:14 a.m.; sun sets, rrow-Sun rises, 7:15 a.m.; sun

sets, 4:40 p.m. Moon sets, 4:45 a.m. Records for Twenty-Four Hours. 

Barometer—Yesterday, 4 p.m., 29.86; p.m., 29.82; 12 midnight, 29.70; today, a.m., 29.55; 8 a.m., 29.35; 12 noon,

## Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls—Temperature, 32; condition, 28. Dalecarlia reservoir—Temperature, 37; condition at north connection, 9. Georgetown distributing reservoir—Temperature, 34; condition at influent gatehouse, 15; condition at officer, gatehouse, 12. effluent gatehouse, 12.

> Weather in Various Cities. Temperature.

| - Stations.   | -        | erday    | night. |        | weather.  |
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| Abilene, Ter  | c. 29.86 | 52       | 36     |        | Cloudy    |
| Albany        | 29.50    | 34       | 34     | 0.66   | Rain      |
| Atlantic City | y. 29.52 | 46       | 44     | 0.01   | Rain      |
| Baltimore     | . 29.36  | 35       | 38     | 0.36   | Itain     |
| Bismarck      | . 29.96  | 18       | 10     | 0.18   | Clear     |
| Boston        | . 29.54  | 36       | 36     | 0.20   | Rain      |
| Buffalo       | . 29.54  | 48 .     | 32     | 0.16   | Cloudy    |
| Charleston .  | . 29.80  | 68       | 60     | 0.18   | Clear     |
| Chicago       | . 29.84  | 34       | 22     |        | Cloudy    |
| Cincinnati .  | . 29.86  | 56       | 26     | 0.64   | Changy    |
| Cleveland     | . 29,68  | 50       | 32     | 0.30   | E.Judy    |
| Denver        | . 30.10  | 40       | 14     | 1.44   | Clear     |
|               | . 29.68  | 38       | 32     | 0.06   | Cloudy    |
| Galveston     | . 30.02  | 50       | 44     | 0.30   | Clear     |
| Helena        | . 39.12  | 82       | 24     | 21.22  | Clear .   |
| Jacksonville. | . 29.96  | 76       | 60     | 0.24   | Cloudy    |
| Kansas City.  | 20.88    | 30       | 22     |        | Pt.cloudy |
| Los Angeles.  | 30.12    | 58       | 46     | 1.4.   | Clear     |
| Louisville    |          | 58       | 28     | 0.76   | Cloudy    |
| Miami, Pla.   | . 30.04  | 76       | 68     | 1      | Cloudy    |
| New Orleans   | . 30.04  | 72       | 40     | 1.28   | Clear     |
| New York      | 20,48    | 42       | 36     | 0.54   | Rain      |
| Oklahoma      |          | 38       | 28     | 1.7.1. | Cloudy    |
| Philadelphia. | 29.92    | 58       | 38     | 0.58   | Rain      |
| Pittsburgh .  | . 29.60  | 30       | 32     | 0.88   | Snow      |
| Portland, Me  |          |          | 28     | 0.22   | Rain      |
| Portland, Ore | 20.15    | 46<br>36 | 38     | ****   | Cloudy    |
| Salt Lake C.  | 30.15    |          | 22     |        | Clear     |
| San Diego .   | . 30.12  | 60       | 44     |        | Clear     |
| S. Francisco  | 30.16    | 50<br>36 | 46     | 0.20   | Clear     |
| St. Louis     | 00.04    |          | 24     | ****   | Cloudy    |
|               | . 29.84  | 18       | 8      | 1741   | Snow      |
| WASH., D.C    | . 20.34  | 38       | 38     | 0.24   | Rain      |
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